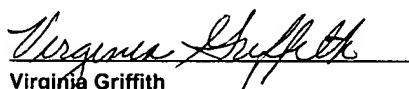


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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) in the amount of \$205.00.

A Fee Transmittal is also included for the payment of this extension fee.

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